(b) and (c) The Department of Electronics is aware that Electromedical equipments in the Hospitals and Health Care Agencies should be serviced and maintained for better availability. The Department of Electronics therefore, started a programme of assistance for creating electromedical maintenance centres (EMM Centres) in various States in association with State Electronic Development Corporation since 1985. These centres were assisted by the Department of Electronics by prividing capital grant-in-aid for procurement of testing equipments, servicing tools etc.

In order to assess the requirement of servicing and maintenance requirement of various States, a survey was carried out by the Centres in representative hosipitals under guidance of the Department of Electronics in 11 States of the country. Total equipments covered in the survey was of the order of Rs. 200 crores of which equipments not functioning and requiring servicing amounted to about Rs. 50 crores (25%)

Regular sterring/monitoring of the centres is carried out by Committees constituted by the Department of Electronics with the concerned State Secretaries of Health/State Directors of Medical Education/Health Services. The hoispitals are encouraged to enter into annual maintenance contracts with the centres and State Governments are advised to provide adequate budget support in this respect. Training to the technicians and engineers of these centres are also organised periodically under the guidance of the Department of Electronics.

Demarcation of 155 MM Howitzer Documents

2301. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state why specific documents related with 155 MM Howitzer sale and bribes are not demarcated from general requistion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): the request made by the CBI is specific in nature and the same has already been accepted by the Swiss Federal Court (Supreme Court).

Socially Oriented PSUs

2302. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have distinguished 'Socially-oriented Public Sector Undertakings' from the other;

(b) if so, what is the criterion for making this distinction; and

(c) what steps are being taken to monitor the social responsibilties of the PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No. Sir, However, PSUs like ALIMCO which are established under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, are treated differently because servicing equity is not a consideration in the case of such companies though profits/surpluses are essential for their future self-sustaining growth.

(b) Does not airse.

(c) The Board of Directors of PSUs have full autonomy in regard to identification and implementation of social responsibilities.

Probe by MRTPC Against a Calcutta Based Firm

2303. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Calcutta-based firm which claims that its formulation Arnika-plus-Triofer stops excessive loss of hair, arrests premature baldness and hair-

greying etc. is facing a probe by the MRTPC on charges of making false and misleading representation;

(b) if so, the outcome of the probe; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is subjudice.

Effect of Rice Bran on Cardio Vascular and Kidney Diseases

2304. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rice bran has been found to be a powerful protective agent against cardio vascular and kidney diseases;

(b) whether the same has been tried on the patients also, if so, where;

(c) whether any pharmaceutical firm has come forward to extract rice bran oil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) There are no known studies on the use of rice bran against cardio-vascular and kidney diseases. However, rice bran oil has been found to be effective in reducing serum cholesterol and triglycerides which are known risk factors for cardio vascular diseases. There is no information regarding its protective effect or kidney diseases.

(b) to (d) Government do not have information in the matter.

Vacant post of Advocate General in Army

2305. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are vacancies including Judge Advocate General in Judicial Department of Indian Army; and

(b) if so, the details thereof stating its impact on judicial working of Indian Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 21 August, 1995, the vacancies of officers in the Judicial Department of the Indian Army, including those in the formations, are as under:—

(i) Judge Advocate General (JAG) (Maj. Gen)	—	1
(ii) Deputy Judge Advocate General (DJAG) (Colonel)	—	2
(iii) Lt. Cols & below	—	22

The order for appointment of the Judge Adcovate General has since been issued and the officer is likely to join shortly.

There has been no adverse impact on the working in the Judicial Department of the Army because of the aforesaid vacancies.

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2306. **श्री सोमपाल:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय रसायन प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, हैदराबाद ने मलेरिया की एक वैकल्पिक दवा विकसित की है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस दवा की नैदानिक क्षमता का आकलन कराया है और क्या रोगियों पर होने वाले अन्य प्रभावों के संबंध में सभी परीक्षण पूरे कर लिये गये हैं;